



# Connected

### RECEIVE AUTOMATIC OUTAGE NOTIFICATIONS



Marietta Power and Water is committed to safely delivering reliable power to our customers. On occasion, storms and weather events can cause your power to flicker or shut off completely. Because of this, we have developed **power outage and restoration** notifications sent to you by text and email that are personalized especially for you! Our outage alerts inform you when there is an outage at your service address and continue to update you as we work to restore your power. If your mobile phone number and email address are on file with Marietta Power and Water, you will receive customized alerts. **To receive these notifications, simply update** 

your phone number or email address on our customer outage notification portal at https://www.mariettaga.gov/outagenotifications.

Outages are caused by various factors, including downed trees, tree limbs, animals, strong wind, snow or ice. Power restoration starts at our power plants, which keep working even in the most severe storms. We concentrate our restoration efforts on main distribution lines serving Marietta Power customers. Restoring power to vital services in our community, including hospitals, emergency and public safety services, and water and sewer stations, is our priority. We also focus on repairs that can return power to the greatest number of customers in the least amount of time. Finally, we repair smaller lines until crews can reach individual power lines in neighborhoods. You can count on us to respond quickly and bring electricity back as soon as possible!

Update your phone number or email address at https://www.mariettaga.gov/outagenotifications.

## Water Smart This Spring

Warmer weather signals a new growing season and, by using water smartly, you can enjoy a beautiful lawn and garden without a significant increase in your utility bill. Here are a few ways you can accomplish both.

#### **Your Lawn**

- Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting.
   A taller lawn shades roots and helps to hold moisture. Grass doesn't always need water just because it's hot out. Step on the lawn, and if the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.
- Check your spigots and sprinkler system for leaks and broken sprinkler heads and repair promptly, if necessary. Also, adjust sprinkler heads to prevent overspray on sidewalks or roadways.
- Aerate your lawn at least once a year so water can reach the roots instead of pooling on the surface.

#### **Potted Plants and Vegetable Gardens**

- Use a layer of mulch on the surface of your planting beds to retain moisture and minimize weed growth that competes for water.
- One of the best ways to conserve water outdoors is to take advantage of spring and summer rains.
- Remember to always follow the Georgia Water Stewardship Act. This act allows daily outdoor watering for lawn and plant maintenance between the hours of 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. by anyone whose water is supplied by a water system permitted by the Environmental Protection Division.

For more water conservation tips, visit the Marietta Power and Water website at www.mariettapowerandwater.com.

#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE

If you have been negatively impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and have past due utility bills or rent notices, there are funds available that can be used to bring past due utilities and rent current for households with rental arrears. Please see the insert enclosed or visit georgiarentalassistance.ga.gov for more information.

#### Calendar

Event information may have changed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19). Please confirm details with organizers before attending an event.

#### **Saturdays Year-Round**

Marietta Square Farmers Market

9 a.m. to 12 noon

For more information, visit
www.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com.
You can also order from all your favorite
vendors online. For more information, visit
www.store.mariettasquarefarmersmarket.com.

Saturday, May 1, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

May-retta Daze

Glover Park, Marietta Square

This annual arts and crafts festival features exhibitors and artists showcasing handmade goods including painting, pottery, woodwork, metal, glass, fabric, soap, candles and more. For more information, call (770) 794-5601.

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